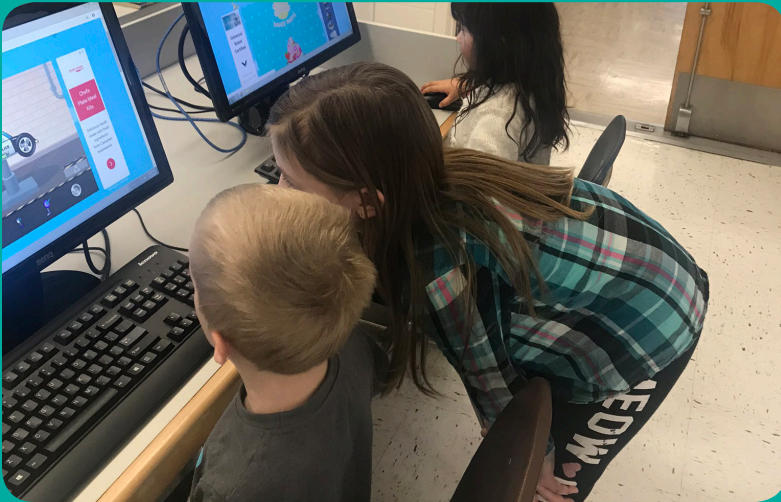




Did You Know?

Facts About Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten



- Junior kindergarten (JK) classes are taught by childcare workers who have Level 2 Certification.
- The junior program is either 2 or 3 half days per week for 3 and 4 years old.
- Junior kindergarten is not provincially funded: fees are charged to families to recover costs.
- JK students have access to school facilities and programs such as the library, gymnasium, school-based assemblies, buddy reading programs, field trips, and cultural events.
- JK programs follow Flight: the Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Curriculum Framework. The focus is on how children learn and experience their world through play activities.
- JK is designed to increase communication skills, socialization, and learning readiness for successful entry into kindergarten.
- Kindergarten and combined junior kindergarten/kindergarten classes are taught by Alberta Teachers Association certificated teachers.
- Kindergarten is a full-day program.
- Alberta Education currently provides funding for half-day kindergarten; GYPSD's Board supplements the balance to offer enhanced, full-day programs for students to get a great start in their learning.
- Kindergarten programs follow Alberta Education's Curriculum and Program of Studies.
- Kindergarten students learn through play opportunities that support their emotional, social, physical, intellectual and creative development.
- Program Unit Funding (PUF) is provided to school authorities for children with severe disabilities/delays who require additional supports, and who are at least 2 years 8 months of age, and less than 6 years of age by September 1 (for a maximum of 3 years).


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